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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ANDON TRAIKOV AT 1700 HOURS AUG 18, IT HAVING PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH ANYONE WITH EVEN NEARLY SUFFICIENT RANK ON SATURDAY (RANKING AVAILABLE MFA OFFICIAL ON THAT DAY WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL). I BEGAN BY EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT IT SHOULD TAKE 56 HOURS FOR AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BE RECEIVED BY A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTER REPEATEDLY INFORMING MFA THAT HE HAD AN URGENT AND IMPORTANT MATTER TO DISCUSS ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. TRAIKOV OFFERED APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN DUE TO FACT HE IS ALL ALONE IN THE MINISTRY, SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE OTHER THREE VICE MINISTERS ARE ALL AWAY FROM SOFIA. HE SAID NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE DELAY.

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2. I BEGAN PRESENTATION BY REFERRING TO SECRETARY

KISSINGER'S STATEMENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV IN HELSINKI (REF B) THAT THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO IM-  
LFROVE BUUATERAL RELATIONS UNLESS ONMCOURSE BULGARIA  
HARASSES US IN INTERNATIONAL ARZCA (OR ACTS AGGRESSIVE-  
LY AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS). THE PRESENT CASE  
INVOLVES WHAT WE SEE AS SSH HARASSMENT AND THEREFORE  
AFFECTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS. THEN I EX-  
PLAINED WHY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE CUBAN RESOLUTION  
HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE TO US, USING THE PRECISE HARD  
LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 E REFTEL.

3. TRAIKOV WHO OBVIOUSLY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE SUBJECT  
THEREUPON AIRLY REMARKED THAT DELAY IN BRINGING UP THIS  
MATTER ON EVE OF VOTE IN NEW YORK IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE  
BECAUSE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS "COULD" SEND A  
MESSAGE TOMORROW MORNING TO NEW YORK CHANGING THE VOTING  
INSTRUCTIONS. HE COULD SEE NO REASON, HE SAID, WHY THIS  
SHOULD NOT BE "POSSIBLE". HOWEVER, HE WAS IN NO POSITION  
TO PREDICT WHAT THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BULGARIAN DELEGA-  
TION WOULD SAY SINCE OBVIOUSLY THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE  
STUDIED IN LIGHT NOT ONLY OF OUR DEMARCHE BUT ALSO OF  
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

4. COMMENT: IF BULGARIANS CAN PULL THEMSELVES TOGETHER  
TO ACT AT ALL IN TIME FOR A VOTE ON AUGUST 19,  
THEY WILL CERTAINLY CHECK WITH THE USSR; AND IT WILL  
BECOME APPARENT THAT WHILE TO BULGARIA WE HAVE USED  
TERMS "UNFRIENDLY ACT WHICH WOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES  
IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS", WE HAVE NOT USED SIMILARLY  
STRONG LANGUAGE IN DEMARCHE TO USSR (CF. DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN PARAS 2 E AND 2 F REFTEL). THEREFORE, IF BUL-  
GARIANS SHOULD PROPOSE A CHANGE IN VOTING POSITION, THIS  
IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE RESPONSE THAT AS FAR AS USSR IS  
AWARE THE US DOES NOT REALLY FEEL AS STRONGLY ABOUT  
THIS MATTER AS THE BULGARIANS WERE LED TO UNDERSTAND.

5. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT HITTING THE  
BULGARIANS VERY HARD, AS WE HAVE DONE, WILL PRODUCE  
DESIRED RESULTS UNLESS WE WERE PREPARED TO HIT THE  
SOVIETS JUST AS HARD. SINCE BULGARIA HAS NEVER TO OUR  
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KNOWLEDGE VOTED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE USSR, THE BEST THAT  
WE CAN EXPECT IS THAT THEY WILL PLEAD WITH USSR THAT JOINT  
POSITION BE MODIFIED. SUCH PLEA IS LESS LIKELY TO BE  
EFFECTIVE AS LONG AS USSR HAS NOT RECEIVED SIGNAL THAT  
WE ARE AS SERIOUS WITH THEM AS WE ARE WITH THEIR DEPEND-  
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